

POETRY

Mankind to lassitude, with powers a
pine?

No recant peace be ours, but bo
emprise!
If war alone can give us manly me
With hearts of strenuous fortitude
ab, then
Welcome be war in all its hideous
guise!
Nay, peace hath conquests, more
nowned
Than war can boast. Be these w

laurels crowned!
Change thy meek aspect, Peace. Shun
visage bold.
Adopt the trappings that from days
old
Make war attractive—music and
march,
Shouts of the people, the triumph
march,
Be these to peaceful victories de

And of this glorious pomp no w
abate.
The conquest of the air, and secr
hid
In Nature's womb—Do these ind
forbid
Hardihood's ventures? Battles w
disease.
Outwitting death by helpful min
tries:

The overthrow of things that make
harm—
Are these so poor in danger's suit
charm?
War's scullie shape too long has
claimed the right
Exclusive for the deeds of val-
might.
But, oh, 'tis time such spurious ch-
shall cease

Come, then, with banners brave
 kingly Peace!
Lift high thy scepter, summon all
 power,
Absence of war's excitements do
 rue,
Inspire men's hearts with strength
 dare-and do.
Come, Peace, it is thine own auspicious
 hour!
—Marr Hall Leonard in New York

Times.

WINE FOR THE KING,

What is the word of the wind?
word of the wind is War!—
All of the olden horror! Moloch
Mare and Thor,
And supreme and cold with Peace

And saffron and blue, with roses
a trampled thing;
Rapine and lust and famine, and
for the wine of the King!
Tears may gather and fall through
of the stricken lands;
The kine may brood in the stall,
harvest rot where it stands;
The cup may be brimmed with
with the sweat of suffering,
For other than the wine of the King!

For others—and yet, and yet,
Must be wine for the King!

What of the awful cost? What of
price to pay?
What of the loved and lost upon
a sanguine day?
What of the bells that toll? Hark,
the echoes ring!
Naught! for there must be wine—
red wine for the King!

—Clinton Scudder

HUMOR OF THE DAY

"What's veal, Benny?" "Oh, the part of the cow we eat before it grows up."—Sacred Heart Review.

"It took eight years of work

"That's a long time to devote to picture." "Yes, indeed—six days paint it and the rest of the time to it."—Philadelphia Record.

"When a man destroys 60,000, they give him a dukedom." "When a man saves 60 lives, they give him a pewter medal."—Kansas City Journal.

"Hercules was more powerful than any man we have today." "How do you know? Conditions were different then. Hercules, for instance, never tried to lift a mortgage."—Pittsburgh Post.

"Well, shall I say that he jumped from the frying-pan into the fire?" "No; this happened in high life."

"Don't you believe every word should have a vote?" asked the Young Thing. "No," replied the Young Man. "But I believe every word should have a voter."—Pears Weekly.

May—Bob has developed into a successful storyteller. Fay—I still think he had! Sunday he told me he was the only girl he cared for, and day I saw him at the races with Widow Bornehigh.—Judge.

Lady (to house agent)—The great disadvantage is that the house seems to be damp. Agent—Disadvantage? Advantage, I call it. In

THE KALEIDOSCOPE

A wild shrub of Mexico yields 3 to 5 per cent of hard wax. It grows in a semi-arid region.

More than 15,000 acres of land in Ontario are under cultivation for the growth of tobacco, with a yield of 100,000,000 lbs. per acre.

In the Russian and German hospitals goat's milk is much used for children as being more nourishing than cow milk and free from tuberculosis.

There is a plan to safeguard Macedonia against the longest possible dry season by building up on the Macedonian coast a series of breakers to break up the waves.

The government Bureau of Mines has succeeded in making an economical fuel by briquetting the lignites of California, Texas and North Dakota without a binding material.

It is not improbable that within a few years the whole of the nitrate trade from Chile to Europe, which is now being carried on largely by British sailing vessels round Cape Horn, will be diverted through the Panama Canal.

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